



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 109**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 815

*Senate, March 25, 2013*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO, S. of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF NONEDUCATIONAL SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-222 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) Each local board of education shall prepare an itemized estimate  
5 of the cost of maintenance of public schools for the ensuing year and  
6 shall submit such estimate to the board of finance in each town or city  
7 having a board of finance, to the board of selectmen in each town  
8 having no board of finance or otherwise to the authority making  
9 appropriations for the school district, not later than two months  
10 preceding the annual meeting at which appropriations are to be made.  
11 The board or authority that receives such estimate shall, not later than  
12 ten days after the date the board of education submits such estimate,  
13 make spending recommendations and suggestions to such board of

14 education as to how such board of education may consolidate  
15 noneducational services and realize financial efficiencies. Such board  
16 of education may accept or reject the suggestions of the board of  
17 finance, board of selectmen or appropriating authority and shall  
18 provide the board of finance, board of selectmen or appropriating  
19 authority with a written explanation of the reason for any rejection.  
20 The money appropriated by any municipality for the maintenance of  
21 public schools shall be expended by and in the discretion of the board  
22 of education. Except as provided in this subsection, any such board  
23 may transfer any unexpended or uncontracted-for portion of any  
24 appropriation for school purposes to any other item of such itemized  
25 estimate. Boards may, by adopting policies and procedures, authorize  
26 designated personnel to make limited transfers under emergency  
27 circumstances if the urgent need for the transfer prevents the board  
28 from meeting in a timely fashion to consider such transfer. All  
29 transfers made in such instances shall be announced at the next  
30 regularly scheduled meeting of the board and a written explanation of  
31 such transfer shall be provided to the legislative body of the  
32 municipality or, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town  
33 meeting, to the board of selectmen. Expenditures by the board of  
34 education shall not exceed the appropriation made by the  
35 municipality, with such money as may be received from other sources  
36 for school purposes. If any occasion arises whereby additional funds  
37 are needed by such board, the chairman of such board shall notify the  
38 board of finance, board of selectmen or appropriating authority, as the  
39 case may be, and shall submit a request for additional funds in the  
40 same manner as is provided for departments, boards or agencies of the  
41 municipality and no additional funds shall be expended unless such  
42 supplemental appropriation shall be granted and no supplemental  
43 expenditures shall be made in excess of those granted through the  
44 appropriating authority. The annual report of the board of education  
45 shall, in accordance with section 10-224, include a summary showing  
46 (1) the total cost of the maintenance of schools, (2) the amount received  
47 from the state and other sources for the maintenance of schools, and (3)  
48 the net cost to the municipality of the maintenance of schools. For

49 purposes of this subsection, "meeting" means a meeting, as defined in  
50 section 1-200, and "itemized estimate" means an estimate in which  
51 broad budgetary categories including, but not limited to, salaries,  
52 fringe benefits, utilities, supplies and grounds maintenance are  
53 divided into one or more line items.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	10-222(a)

**PD**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which requires a town's appropriating authority to make spending recommendations and suggestions to the school board regarding consolidation of noneducational services and cost savings, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact, as this is a procedural change.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 815****AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF  
NONEDUCATIONAL SERVICES.****SUMMARY:**

By law, a board of education must annually submit an itemized estimate of maintenance expenses to the town's appropriating authority at least two months before the authority's annual budget meeting. The bill defines "itemized estimate" to mean an estimate in which broad budgetary categories are divided into one or more line items, including salaries, fringe benefits, utilities, supplies, and grounds maintenance.

The bill requires a town's appropriating authority to make spending recommendations and suggestions to the school board regarding consolidation of noneducational services and cost savings. The appropriating authority must do so no later than 10 days after the school board submits its annual itemized estimate. The school board may accept or reject the suggestions, but must provide a written explanation of any rejections.

The bill also expands the notification requirement when a school board transfers funds. By law, a school board may adopt policies authorizing designated personnel to make limited transfers in an emergency, if a school board meeting to consider the transfer cannot be held in a timely fashion. Under law, the school board must announce the emergency transfer at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The bill requires the school board to also provide a written explanation of the transfer to the town's legislative body or, if the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectman.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea    18    Nay   0    (03/13/2013)